HOUSE BILL No. 1302

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DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 31-26-7.

Synopsis: Behavioral health program. Requires the department of child services, in cooperation with the department of education and the division of mental health and addiction, to develop and coordinate the behavioral health program to provide comprehensive mental health and behavioral health services, early invention, wraparound treatment services, and behavioral support for certain children. Requires that the behavioral health program must include certain procedures and guidelines.

Effective: July 1, 2009.

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January 13, 2009, read first time and referred to Committee on Family, Children and Human Affairs.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning family law and juvenile law.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 31-26-7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS
2 A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1, 2009]:
4 **Chapter 7. Behavioral Health Program**
5 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "wraparound treatment**
6 **services" refers to support networks that are characterized by the**
7 **creation of constructive relationships to assist recipients of**
8 **services, families of recipients of services, and others using a**
9 **strength based philosophy to guide service planning.**
10 **Sec. 2. (a) The department, in cooperation with the department**
11 **of education and the division of mental health and addiction, shall**
12 **develop and coordinate a behavioral health program to provide:**
13 **(1) comprehensive mental health and behavioral health**
14 **services;**
15 **(2) early intervention;**
16 **(3) family based wraparound treatment services; and**
17 **(4) positive, school based behavioral support, including**

1   **counseling;**
2   **for individuals described in subsection (b).**
3   **(b) A person is eligible to participate in the behavioral health**
4   **program if the person:**
5   **(1) is less than nineteen (19) years of age; and**
6   **(2) exhibits:**
7   **(A) behavioral development problems;**
8   **(B) emotional difficulties; or**
9   **(C) antisocial behavior;**
10   **indicating the child could be at risk of academic failure,**
11   **school discipline, or involvement in the juvenile justice**
12   **system.**
13   **Sec. 3. The behavioral health program under section 2 of this**
14   **chapter must include:**
15   **(1) procedures for schools to screen, identify, and assess a**
16   **child, and to refer a child and the child's family to participate**
17   **in the behavioral health program;**
18   **(2) procedures to assist a child and the child's family in**
19   **obtaining necessary services to treat behavioral and mental**
20   **health issues, including procedures for selecting appropriate**
21   **mental health and addiction services providers;**
22   **(3) procedures to coordinate provider services and**
23   **interagency referral networks for a child and the child's**
24   **family;**
25   **(4) guidelines for incorporating behavioral development into**
26   **school learning standards and education programs; and**
27   **(5) guidelines for training and deploying school based**
28   **personnel to improve school based discipline and behavioral**
29   **management.**
30   **Sec. 4. The department may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to**
31   **administer this chapter.**

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